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SENATE BILL

No. 1526

Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Jackson)

February 19, 2004

An act to add Section 715 to the Public Resources Code, relating to forest resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1526, as amended, Hollingsworth. Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: pilots: certification.

Existing law establishes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection within the Resources Agency and makes the department responsible for the fire protection, fire prevention, maintenance, and enhancement of the state's forest, range, and brushland resources, contract fire protection, associated emergency services, and assistance in civil disasters and other nonfire emergencies.

This bill would require the department, *in cooperation with the Office of Emergency Services*, to develop a program to certify active duty military pilots to engage in firefighting in the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Active military personnel and equipment are located in
4 areas that can provide immediate fire response to assist local
5 efforts during equipment shortages or widespread disasters.

6 (b) The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection provides
7 valuable assistance in coordinating emergency air response
8 efforts.

9 (c) It is necessary to ensure that all available personnel and
10 equipment in this state are immediately available to protect the life
11 and property of the residents of this state.

12 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of
13 Forestry and Fire Protection, *in cooperation with the Office of*
14 *Emergency Services*, work with the active military to certify pilots
15 and equipment for firefighting efforts in this state.

16 SEC. 2. Section 715 is added to the Public Resources Code,
17 to read:

18 715. The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, *in*
19 *cooperation with the Office of Emergency Services*, shall develop
20 a program to certify active duty military pilots to engage in
21 firefighting in the state.

